

which he hopes will lead to the capture of the late public trustee, Woods.

TASMANIA.

HOBART, WEDNESDAY. The Assembly has replied to the Governor's formal address in complimentary terms. The House said His Excellency would look back with pleasure upon the fact that his term of office had been one of general prosperity to the colony. The Attorney-General, in moving the adoption of the reply, made some remarks of a complimentary character to the Governor, and these were echoed by the leader of the Opposition.

NEW ZEALAND.

AUCKLAND, WEDNESDAY. At the annual meeting of the South British Insurance Company to-day the report and balance-sheet were adopted after an animated discussion. The report recommended that the debit balance of £3000 be written off the reserve fund.

A horrible child murder is supposed to have occurred at Oamaru. The police have discovered the body of an infant four weeks old buried in a garden, fearfully mutilated. One leg was cut off, and the head, arms, and body were cut and hacked in a shocking manner.

Four candidates were nominated to-day for Dunedin Central, in the House of Representatives.

The trial of the prisoners in the Timaru poisoning case is being continued. So far the defense has failed to shake the evidence for the prosecution.

AUSTRALIAN PARLIAMENTS.

[BY TELEGRAPH.]
(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

VICTORIA.

MELBOURNE, WEDNESDAY.

In the Legislative Assembly to-day the Speaker (Mr. Lator) intimated that he was suffering from serious indisposition, and that he required rest. He asked the House to relieve him. The Premier and leader of the Opposition expressed their sympathy with Mr. Lator, and tacitly agreed that leave should be granted. Mr. Cooper, Chairman of Committees, took the chair as Deputy-Speaker. Mr. Hall brought under the notice of the Attorney-General the fact that a Justice of the Peace at Kew had said that the Act compelling the closing of shops was an atrocious piece of legislation, and asked that he should be called on for an explanation. The question was received with derisive cheers, several members considering that the magistrate was right. The education estimates were further discussed; but no votes had been taken when the Government time expired. The House was plunged into an animated debate on the Public Service by a motion of Dr. Rose. "That in the opinion of this House the disabilities under which the Railway employees and public servants now labour as private citizens should be removed." He explained that the disabilities complained of were that public servants are unable to become members of municipal councils, cannot be appointed justices of the peace, cannot ask questions at election meetings, and cannot become directors of public companies. Mr. Gillies retorted that the service could not disrupt. No demands had been made for concessions, and if all the disabilities were removed there would be nothing to prevent public officers from engaging in trade and keeping hotels. Mr. Patterson made an exceptionally fine speech against the motion. He concluded it desirable and unnecessary for members to endeavour to encourage discontent in the public service. The House adjourned, and many members warmly approved of Mr. Patterson's remarks. Among the following speakers was Mr. Rose, who remarked that if he were Minister he would "seek" Mr. Eadie, the Government Attorney, for heading a deputation from the Public Service Association to the Premier, asking for an amendment in the Public Service Act. On division the motion was negatived by 22 to 11. The House then adjourned.

QUEENSLAND.

BRISBANE, WEDNESDAY. In the Legislative Council to-day the Divisional Boards Bill was further considered in committee. The House was eventually out.

In the Assembly the Local Government Act Amendment Bill was read a second time and passed through committee. The discussion of the Land Bill in committee was resumed by Mr. Dutton, who said the feeling of the House seemed to be favourable to the extension of leases to 21 years, but Government had determined that the country must have some equivalent for the extension at the expiration of tenure. He moved an addition to the new clause passed yesterday, to the effect that the improvements on a portion of the run resumed at the expiration of 15 years be such a sum as will fairly represent the value of the improvements to the incoming tenant or purchaser. This was strongly opposed by the squatting members, but after a protracted discussion it was carried on division by 29 to 22. Mr. Dutton, in reply to a question, said that no proposal in respect to the reciprocal arrangement with Victoria had yet been submitted for consideration by the Government of that colony. The Government would be prepared to give full consideration to any such proposition which might be presented. Sir S. Griffith, in reply to Mr. Palmer, said that the Government had lately received from the Agent-General copies of correspondence respecting the proposed establishment of direct telegraphic communication between Great Britain and Canada, and Australia and New Zealand. The correspondence would be laid on the table. Mr. Palmer then gave notice of a motion declaring that in view of the impossibility of obtaining a substantial reduction in the cable rates to Europe from the present cable companies, the Government be empowered to join with one or more of the other colonies in a subsidy to a cable company for the construction of a deep-sea cable to Europe. A long discussion arose on the unemployed question. Sir S. Griffith said that 315 persons had given in their names to the immigration agent as applicants for work. Of these 142 had been forwarded by mail to different parts of the colony; 55 were under engagement, and 41 had been sent away by steamer. Blayney is appreciated as a public boon.

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The weather is close and oppressive, and indicates rain.

COOMA, WEDNESDAY.

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CAMDEN, WEDNESDAY.

A son of Mr. Rapley, of Werribee, aged six years, was bitten on the foot by a black snake yesterday evening. Mr. Rapley immediately cut the bitten portion off with a pair of shears and sucked out the poison. The boy is now out of danger.

A little rain fell to-day.

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At the local police court to-day, John Leouent, Michael Leouent, and Samuel Leouent were charged before Messrs Faulkner and Shannon, J.P., with sheep-stealing from John Cosgrave. The prisoners, who were defended by Mr. Montague, were severally committed for trial at the ensuing Quarter Sessions, to be held at Cooma on the 22nd December next.

COWRA, WEDNESDAY.

The first local consignment of wool, consisting of 60 bales of this season's clip, from Mr. George Campbell's Jervis station, was forwarded by railway to Sydney via Young yesterday. The convenience of having railway communication by that route to within one mile of Cooma in advance of the completion of the line from Cooma to Blayney is appreciated as a public boon.

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The weather continues fine.

DENMAN, WEDNESDAY.

A largely attended meeting was held at the local School of Arts last night, to consider the present state of the Permanent and Temporary Commissions in regard to the prickly pear, and the new Act. The Rev. Mr. Mills occupied the chair. After a good deal of discussion, during which various modes of raising revenue were advocated, it was unanimously decided to increase the charge for agistment, and to petition the Government to subdivide the amount raised.

Unseasonably hot weather has been experienced during the past few days. The heat culminated in a heavy thunderstorm to-day. The weather continues unsettled, and there are indications of a further outburst.

GRAFTON, WEDNESDAY.

The rainfall at the beginning of the week registered 245 points. The country looks splendid everywhere, and such a fine spring has not been witnessed for many years.

GOSFORD, WEDNESDAY.

A disease has broken out among the horses in this town. The symptoms are those of glanders. Several horses have died, and others are still suffering. This is generally supposed to be a case in which the Government Veterinary Surgeon should be called in to investigate.

GOULBURN, WEDNESDAY.

The Goulburn Corps of Volunteer Infantry were inspected to-day by Major-General Richardson, who was accompanied by Major M'Kenzie and Captain Bertie and Bayley. The Major-General expressed his satisfaction at the soldierly appearance of the company, the cleanly condition of their uniforms and accoutrements, and their proficiency of their drill.

A few showers fell to-day.

KIANDRA, WEDNESDAY.

The weather has been unsettled for the last few days. A slight fall of snow occurred a week ago, but it cleared away in 24 hours. It has been very cloudy for the last three days, without rain falling. Frost has been slight at night, and grass is growing well. Sheep have started for their summer quarters from the plains, but very few will come up this year, as feed is to good in the low country.

LISMORE, WEDNESDAY.

The fees received at the Lismore police court last quarter were £172 5s. The births numbered 139, marriages 19, and deaths 31.

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Auction Sales.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

To Families Furnishing and the Trade Generally.

WEDNESDAY, Oct. 13, at 11 o'clock.

W. H. BOOTH, Esq., Auctioneer.

124, Pitt-street, 3 doors from William-street.

F. H. K. R. has received instructions from W. Booth.

G. H. Esq. to be auctioned, on WEDNESDAY, October 20, at 11 o'clock.

The whole of his valuable Household Furniture, &c., in gold

purple, elegant Drawing-rooms, &c., in gold

purple damask, very substantial dining-room

suite, covered in morocco leather; handsome enclosed

staircase, large bookcase, glass doors; circular and

square tables, &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c.,

carpeted and rugs, ornamental tables, marble clock, richly

carved wood, cutlery, chin and glass, hand-painted

china service, superior wainscot bedroom suite,

comprising bed, &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c.,

and attached, marble-top washstand and service

pedestal and chair; handsome tubular bedstead and

bedding, hall and stairs, hall and umbrella stand,

hubbard, and a variety of sundries, including

Mangle, &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c.,

Terms to be paid.

SATURDAY NEXT, at 8 o'clock, lease 33 years, and

Working Plant of FARMERS' CO., Coal, &c., &c., &c.,

Mr. Peter, for sale, at public auction, without any reserve.

STEDMAN and CO., Auctioneers.

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